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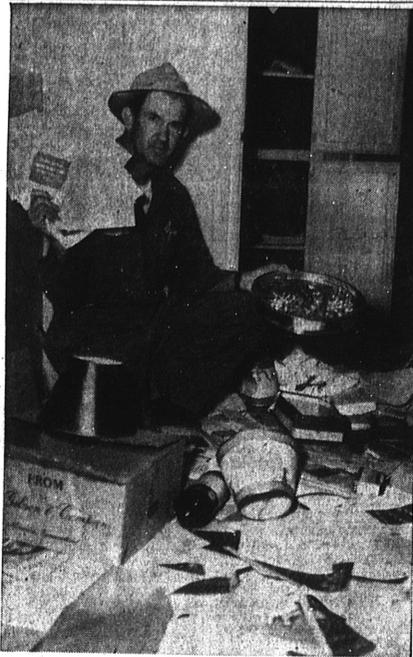
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CHURCH VANDALIZED . . . Sunday School Superintendent G. C. Harper holds up a smashed communion plate found among church records which were scattered all over the premises at the Crenshaw Baptist Church, 188th and Crenshaw Blvd. Saturday by vandals. Police were seeking two boys seen in the neighborhood. Papers were strewn throughout the sanctuary, kitchen, and Sunday school rooms, with kegs of nails and other supplies overturned. Tubes in an amplifier were smashed.

Protest Raised On Park Project

Opposition to the construction of a pitch-and-putt golf course on the city's park site in southwest Torrance was voiced last week as the City Council prepared to receive bids on the rehabilitation of four of the city's parks.

Residents near the Seaside Elementary School which is adjacent to the proposed short-course golf range, are protesting the plans for such a course on the basis that park areas for small children are needed in that development.

Bids for the development of El Retiro Park, McMaster Park, Walteria Park, and Seaside Park will be received by the City Council here tomorrow evening.

Plans for the park development were drawn up by Architect Woollett for the city, and bids called on the basis of his plans and recommendations.

Funds for the park improvement program were approved by Torrance voters last spring in a bond election. A total of \$150,000 was voted to provide better park facilities.

As a result of City Council action last week, the bids received tomorrow will be checked by members of the city's Recreation Commission before acceptance.

Sheriff's Deputy Everett L. Stahl testified that the men said they found three marijuana plants growing in Lomita and had harvested them to sell.

Twenty-one popcorn bags of narcotics were found under a bed in Codd's home on Dec. 17, Stahl said.

Man Hurt in Crash
Kenneth Shipley, of 1545 W. 216th St., was treated for fractured ribs at Harbor General Hospital Friday, after his car struck a telephone pole at 247th and Main Sts. The car went out of control, he told Highway Patrolmen.

Man Gets Free Paint on House—Also on Lawn
Paint from heaven came down last week and made his house yellow, Pete Hamill, of 2624 Alta Vista, Harbor City, reported.

But it wasn't a miracle, because the heavenly rain also covered his roof, lawn, and garden, and those of several neighbors.

County Air Pollution authorities said that the free paint jobs were caused by the breakdown of chemical facilities at a nearby plant, which processes refinery waste products to recover the sulphur.

The breakdown caused the sulphur to be released into the air, where it came down with the rain.



HEAD OF TOASTMASTERS
Frank Gorbet was named president of the Evening Toastmasters Club at the group's Tuesday night meeting, succeeding Gil Kyrilling. Other new officers are Kenneth McGee, vice-president; Harold Briggs, sergeant-at-arms; Paul Fisher, secretary; and Bob Hutchens, treasurer.

.42 RAIN FALLS
Torrance got .42 of an inch of rain in storms last week, the Weather Bureau reported, bringing the season's total rainfall to 6.58 inches, only slightly below the average 7.01 inches.

Council to Receive Parking Proposal

Opponents Say Election Needed

The anti-Torrance elements of the Rolling Hills-Palos Verdes area were having a field day last week-end with the disclosure of a voters' registration list purporting to show that annexation of the huge Great Lakes Carbon Corp. holdings to Torrance as uninhabited territory was a violation of the government code because 19 registered voters lived within the boundaries of the area.

Final Services Held for Wife Of Plant Head

Funeral services for Mrs. Bertha Helen Morgan, of 3309 Via Palomino, Palos Verdes Estates, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday afternoon at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel. Mrs. Morgan, wife of C. C. Morgan, general superintendent of the Torrance Works of Columbia-Genève Steel, died Wednesday following a brief illness. Born Feb. 6, 1910, at Clarion, Pa., Mrs. Morgan had lived in California for 19 years. She had lived here about one year.

Mrs. Morgan leaves three children, Charles C. Jr., Tom Rea, and Ellen Rea; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rea of Pennsylvania; a brother, William Rea, and two sisters, Mrs. Norma Shoup and Mrs. Twila Lowes, all living in Pennsylvania.

Interment will be in New Bethlehem, Pa. The family requested that those wishing to offer a tribute do so by contributing to the Bertha Morgan Fund, Torrance Memorial Hospital.

10 Beat Deadline
Ten of those listed qualified as registered voters just a few days before the petition for annexation was filed with the city of Torrance by property owners in the area.

Basis of the actions to halt the annexation to Torrance is the desire of Rolling Hills and Palos Verdes residents to force development of the area into large rural estates. Opposition to the development plans announced by Rancho Palos Verdes Properties, Great Lakes Carbon Corp., and the Capital Co., owners of the huge area, have been aired since the first announcement.

Torrance YMCA To Get Award
Harold Wagner, general secretary of the Los Angeles YMCA, will be the special guest at the regular meeting of the Torrance "Y" board of directors, Wednesday at noon.

Wagner is slated to present the local group with an award of merit at the affair.

Dave Sowle, chairman of the board of the Torrance YMCA, announced that a tabulation of the current fund-raising campaign will be discussed at the meeting also.

Syd Staxrud, head of the fund drive locally, reported that half of the \$12,000 donation goal has been met. More than \$4,000 have been collected by the initial gifts division, under chairmanship of Don Richards. Joe Doss' field division has collected \$1,887 in their fund-raising effort.

Staxrud emphasized that the \$12,000 figure is the minimum amount needed to finance the many services of the YMCA.

Unconscious Youth Discovered in Car
An 18-year-old Torrance youth was reported out of danger at Harbor General Hospital Friday after being found unconscious in his car early Saturday morning. Rushed to the hospital, the boy was still unconscious, but in good condition. Doctors were making tests to see what caused the attack, since he had apparently been drinking.

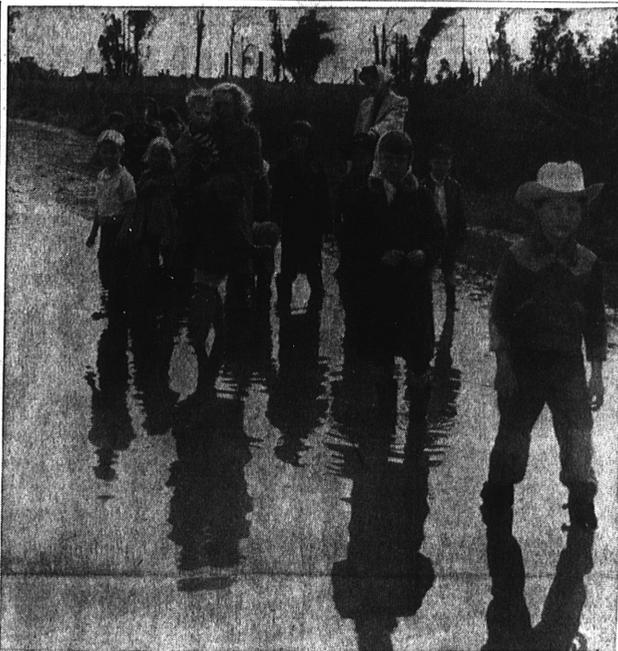
Outboard Motor Taken
A \$463 outboard motor was stolen from his yard Friday. Joseph D. Riley, of 1657 W. 213th St., reported to San Pedro police.

Wedding Ring Taken
Her wedding ring was stolen by burglars Thursday, Mrs. Earl Joslin, of 3223 Danaha St., reported to Torrance police.

Dope Hearing Set March 22
Retired Police Lieutenant Thomas Rankin, 56, and Mrs. Ebbe Irwin, 43, a switchboard operator at the San Pedro Police Division, face a preliminary hearing March 22 on a charge of possession of opium.

The pair was arraigned Thursday before Superior Judge David Coleman, who set bail on Rankin at \$10,000 and on Mrs. Irwin at \$5,000.

The pair was arrested at Mrs. Irwin's home in San Pedro last Saturday. Rankin, of 2001 W. 164th St., is a former narcotics officer assigned to the San Pedro division of the Los Angeles Police Department.



(Herald Photo)
GOOD ROAD FOR DUCKS . . . Mrs. A. Westerlin, of 3430 W. 227th St., and Mrs. G. H. Childs, of 3402 W. 227th St., lead a group of Meadow Park children through the puddle at 230th and Samuel Sts. that they must cross to get to school. The 166 children in the tract west of Hawthorne must go down 230th St. to get to the school, and both mothers and school officials are unhappy about the pond, which completely floods the street up to a depth of 18 inches when rains come.

Kissel Tract Gets Approval

A compromise plan for the long-discussed 439-home tract proposed by developer Harry Kissel was finally approved by the Torrance Planning Commission at a special meeting Wednesday night.

Now shown on tract maps are a five-acre park site and a new access road to serve the area without sending the traffic through areas of the city further west.

The park-site, selected by the Torrance Recreation Commission, will include five acres, 3 1/2 of them level.

Marlesta Dr.
The access road will open on to Newton St.

Long Discussions
The approval followed five months of discussion and one rejection of the tract by the planners. In approving the tract, the Planning Commission acted as a committee of the whole.

The chairman of the committee, Cmdr. William A. Mason, reported on his group's findings and read a letter from the Recreation Department rejecting an additional 20 acres adjacent to the proposed park site. The land was described as "mostly vertical."

Nine conditions were attached to the approval:
1. A four-foot sidewalk for the full length of Marlesta Dr.
2. Two or more additional turnarounds on Calle Miramar and a minimum width of 44 feet for the street.
3. Four-foot standard sidewalks throughout the balance of the tract.

4. A narrow portion south of Calle Miramar from Lot 402 to 403 and from 393 to 394 designated as slope easements and planted by subdivider.
5. All cuts and filled slopes planted by subdivider according to Recreation Department requirements.

6. Unused north slopes east of the park site shall be planted with shrubs and small trees by

Phone Service Interrupted for Hour by Rain

Rain which filled a manhole on El Prado early Friday morning shortly cut a huge telephone company cable and interrupted service to about 1000 Fairfax telephone subscribers for more than an hour, according to R. S. Pyle, manager of the local exchange.

After the phone service was interrupted at approximately 7:45 a.m., Friday, crews descended on the flooded manhole and had it pumped out by 8:30 a.m., Pyle said. He said service was then restored to about half of the lines which were out.

After cutting and resplicing the cables, service was restored to all phones by 9:30 a.m.

HERALD DRIVE'S SECOND PERIOD ENDS SATURDAY
Workers for the Torrance HERALD'S campaign have until noon Saturday to turn in new subscriptions to take advantage of the higher point schedule of the second period.

A new and lower point schedule will go into effect the following week of the drive, which closes March 26. The second period of the drive started Tuesday.

Competition between workers is still close, with subscriptions continuing to pour in. The winning worker will get his choice of a 1955 Chevrolet, Ford or Plymouth, with other prizes awarded to other workers.

Subscribers are receiving HERALD coupon books worth \$65 in trade at local stores. Subscriptions sell for \$3.60 for one year, \$7.20 for two years, and \$10.80 for three years.

Further information can be obtained from Elaine Barrett at FA 8-4000.

Off-Street Parking Site Study Ready

Committee reports on the acquisition of downtown parking sites prepared under the direction of T. Rippey will be presented to the City Council tomorrow evening for their consideration.

Under study for several months by the Rippey Committee is the formation of an assessment district by downtown property owners to raise funds to buy suitable off-street parking sites.

Also under study by the committee has been location of sites, impact of parking meters on the situation, and revenues anticipated from the meters.

Proposals made by Rippey report include acceptance of an offer made to the city by George Binder to make property his associates own near downtown area available to the city for off-street parking on a practically no-cost basis. Binder has proposed to make the land available if the city will surface and maintain the lots.

Other proposals include the formation of an assessment district to purchase off-street parking sites, and the purchase of other sites with funds made available by the parking meters.

The Council is expected to make a detailed study of the report before reaching any decision on the matter.

Big Boulders Halt Traffic After Crash

It took two wrecking trucks, a fire on Jack, and the aid of a passing truck, Thursday evening when a truck hauling 21 tons of huge boulders broke down on the busy highway in south Torrance after it was hit by an automobile.

The huge boulders, headed for the Redondo breakwater, proved too much for the truck after it was hit in the intersection of Pacific Coast Hwy. and Hawthorne Ave. The crash severed the air lines on the brakes and immobilized one side of the truck. Traffic was interrupted for about two hours, according to Officers H. B. Ingram and Miles Hamilton, who investigated the accident.

Mrs. Mary Foote, 55, of 312 W. Winlock Rd., a passenger in the auto which collided with the truck, received minor injuries. Driver of the auto, B. F. Foote, 56, of the same address, was not injured.

Truck driver David R. Arnaiz, 20, of Ontario, also escaped injury.

3 PATIENTS 'CRITICAL'
Three Torrance men injured in recent accidents were still reported in critical condition at Harbor General Hospital. They are:

Frank Borges Sr., 63, of 2048 Lawrence Ave. who suffered head and internal injuries in a two-car smashup at 208th and Figueroa Sts. Tuesday night.

The 40-year-old father, C. V. Goodwin, of 1016 W. 222nd St., who suffered second and third degree burns when his son's midget racer overturned on him March 6. The accident occurred in San Pedro.

Charles Slatten, 16, of 18329 Roslin Ave., is still unconscious after Feb. 16 wreck in which four others were killed. The wreck occurred in Lawndale.